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Dear Members:

Flush it don't drink it, a viable alternative to drinking sewer water. Enclosed please find part four of Revolting Grandma's White Paper.

We can all agree that California is vulnerable to cyclic drought conditions (and rapid population growth). However, the Grandma's disagree with the mind-set that portrays drinking sewer water as the only solution. **Or, the solution of preference.**

It is not necessary to add sewer water to our drinking water supplies, dual plumbing and dual piping delivery systems have been very successful in about six dozen communities throughout the United States. With the exception of Irvine, California, most of these communities started out by retrofitting.

Initially Irvine built a conventional water distribution system, but in the 1970's incorporated a dual piping system for all new construction. It was the first city to mandate the use of reclaimed sewer water for toilet-flushings and air conditioning in high-rise structures. Irvine has recently found it economical to retrofit the older parts of the city with reclaimed water lines.

Although toilet-flushing is just one of many appropriate nonpotable uses of reclaimed sewer water, please take one moment to envision how many toilets there are in just one large hotel, how many times each toilet might be flushed each day, and how many gallons of water are discharged into the sewer with each flush. **Think about it.**

Respectfully submitted.



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Come into my parlor said the spider to the fly. Let me pour you a glass of tiny virises, bacteria, cyptosporidium, girdia, and cancer-producing by-products. You may not die. Then, again, you may. Or, you may get very very sick.....

Please note: The Milwaukee waterborne Cryptosporidium Outbreak in 1993.

The correct term for it is: "Indirect Potable Reuse". What does it mean? It means augmenting our drinking water supplies with treated sewage. In California, some indirect potable reuse projects have been given titles which are, in our opinion, deceptive. For example:

1. The San Gabriel Valley Groundwater Recharge Project.
Recharged with what?
2. The Clean Water Revival Project. In the Dublin San Ramon District (east of Oakland, California).
What was it slated to be revived with? Treated effluent?
3. San Diego's Repurification Project.
When was sewage ever classified as being pure?
4. The Los Angeles East Valley Water Reclamation Project.
Reclaimed from what, and from where?

Relatively speaking, at the last minute, the public-at-large stopped all four of these projects.

Yes, as we understand it, all of the aforementioned projects were dubbed toilet-to-tap by the media and the public-at-large. A term not favored by some politicians and some bureaucrats in the State of California. However, considering its source, you'll have to admit the moniker toilet-to-tap is quite appropriate.....

After all, before being slated to reach the taps in our homes, wasn't the reclaimed water they're talking about destined to take a tour through the sewer?

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In our opinion, whether by omission, deception, or by other means, it would be terribly deceptive, dishonest, and dangerous to pass off treated reclaimed, revived, recharged, or repurified sewage AS RAW WATER.

Moreover, in the State of California, it seems that in the opinion of some politicians and some bureaucrats,---the public is an **impediment** and **constraint** regarding the implementation of "Indirect Potable Reuse Projects". **IMPEDIMENT! CONSTRAINT!**

Questions and Concerns:

1. Why is the State of California pushing so hard for these unnecessary, unwanted, and terribly expensive "so-called" Indirect Potable Reuse Projects?
2. Who Benefits?
3. Who Profits?
4. Who Pays The Ultimate Price?
(Both Figuratively and Literally).

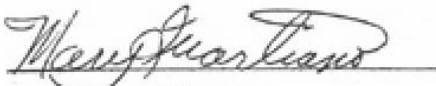
In an article written by Michael Gardner and published in the San Diego Union-Tribune on Tuesday, April 2, 2002,--Assemblywoman Jackie Goldberg, D-Los Angeles was quoted as stating the following:

"Toilet-to-tap is going to come," predicted Goldberg. "It won't come in leaps. It will come in steps. First it's toilet-to-toilet."

Please note: Assemblywoman Jackie Goldberg introduced AB-331 in 2001 and AB-2365 in 2002. In our opinion, both bills are carefully crafted promotional tools for toilet-to-tap projects.

Will Jackie Goldberg's predictions come true? **Not if the grandmas have anything to say about it.**

Respectfully submitted.



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